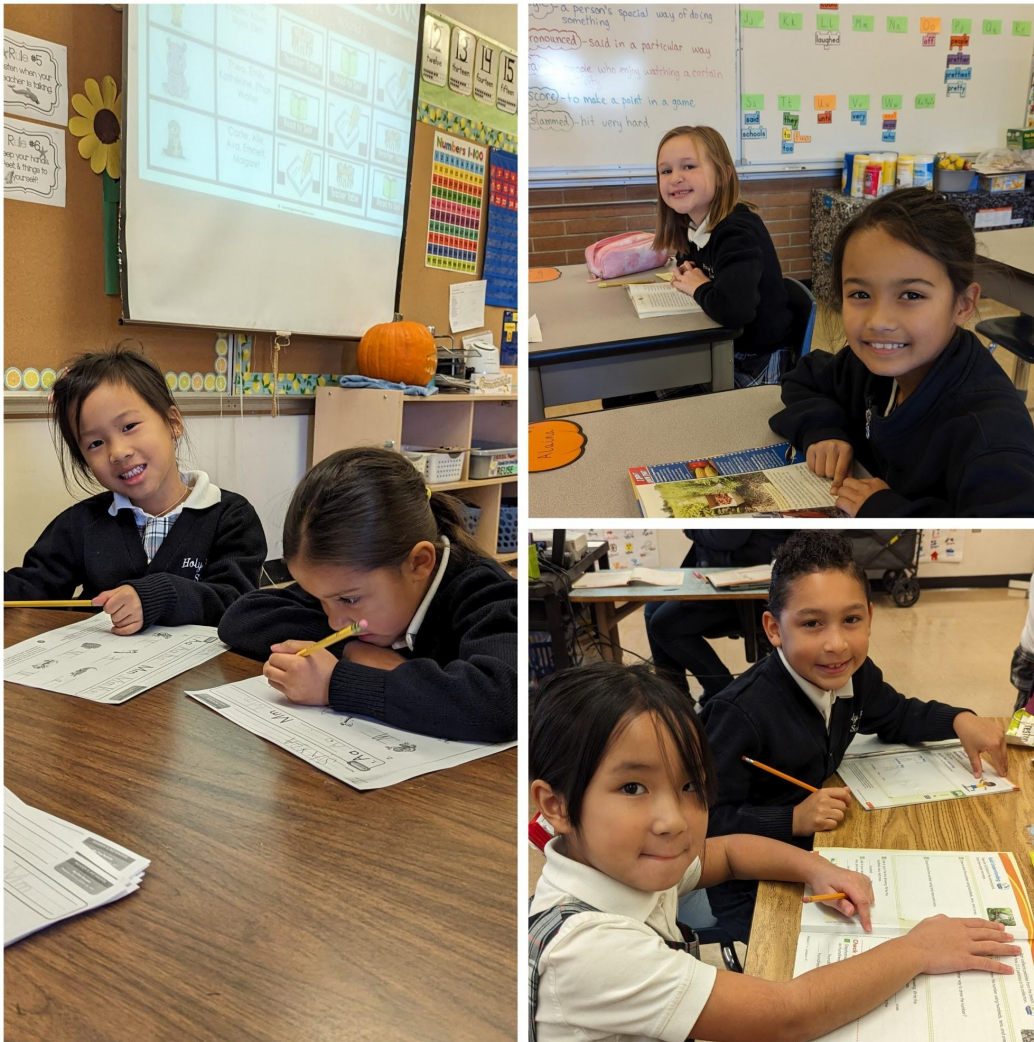




Week 16 Newsletter
January 3, 2024



Students in action!

Principal Message

Greetings Holy Family,

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! With a new year we count our new blessings.

Our middle school has a new teacher, Mrs. Katie Parrett, to teach ELA and some science to 6th-8th graders. She has spent the last seven weeks with us as our temporary kindergarten teacher.

Next Monday we welcome our new kindergarten teacher, Mrs. Lucia Cordero. She moved to WA this Christmas with her family. Prior to the move she was teaching kindergarten at Holy Family Catholic School in South Pasadena, CA.

We are coming close to the middle of our school year, and while working with my 7th grade religion class yesterday it hit me just how little time that leaves us together.

At the end of the month we will celebrate Catholic Schools Week (Jan28-Feb3) and we have the honor of hosting the weekend masses here at Holy Family Parish. Sign-up sheets will be shared next week for students to join the choir, lead in readings, and families to bring up the gifts.

I pray that we continue to be grateful for the blessings of this year.

God bless you all,
Mrs. Day

Upcoming Events

Here are a few upcoming events.

- Jan. 4 - School mass sponsored by Staff
- Jan. 5 - First Friday: free dress, food drive, earthquake drill
- Jan. 8 - Winter MAP testing window opens
- Jan. 11 - MLK prayer service after mass sponsored by Kindergarten

School Announcements:

Winter MAP Testing

We will be participating in winter MAP testing starting next week. The testing window is four weeks long and we plan to be completed within the first three weeks, with a weekly testing day on Tuesday. Similar to the fall, students will take two or three tests in the areas of Math, Reading, and Language (2nd and up only). This will also be the first time our kindergarteners will participate. Here is the current schedule for testing, all testing will happen during the morning:

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
Week of 1/8	Testing preparation 1st-8 Practice Test 10:20- K	MATH 1st-8th	MATH Kindergarten & MAKEUPS	READING 5th- 8th
Week of 1/15	NO SCHOOL	READING 1st-4th LANGUAGE 5th - 8th	READING Kindergarten & MAKEUPS	
Week of 1/22	MAKEUPS	LANGUAGE 2nd-4th	MAKEUPS	MAKEUPS

Week of 1/30	Final Make-ups	Final Make-ups	Final Make-ups	

Carpool Reminders

1. Morning drop off starts at 8:00 AM. If you arrive prior to that time you may wait in your vehicle with your student or send them into morning extended care. All children must be supervised by yourself or an HFS staff member.
2. Gates for afternoon carpool are typically opened about 15 minutes before the end of the day. Once in the line stay in your spot. We do not pass cars unless directed to do so by an HFS staff member.
3. If you arrive early for the line up, remember to ensure the safety of our staff member opening the gate by either staying behind them or driving very slowly past them.
4. On rare occasions we will have children at play during the last portion of the day. The staff member may ask you to wait by the portables until the field is cleared. If you ever see the line in a holding pattern like this, do not pass the car in front of you!

Thank you for your diligence to safety by following these guidelines.

Free Dress - Friday January 5th

The students may have free dress on Friday, January 5th. **Pajama pants are not part of the free dress attire.** Please assist your child in selecting appropriate attire.

We will again be collecting food for St. Vincent de Paul on Friday Free Dress. Please bring a can or towel!! St. Vincent is very grateful for our school's donations to help feed the needy in our local area.

Parent Club News

Catholic Schools Week - Teacher & Staff Appreciation Volunteers

Catholic Schools Week is coming up and it's time to join in and help recognize our amazing teachers and school staff. We are looking for volunteers to plan, set up, clean up, and donate food and snacks for Teacher Appreciation Day on Thursday, February 1. Use this Sign Up Genius link to let us know you can help!

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0949AAA82AABF94-47013742-hfsappreciation>

Contact Katie Mitchell with any questions. (Katieleemitchell@gmail.com or 206-200-3071)

HFS Family Game Night! Save the date - January 19

We have the parish hall reserved for HFS families to come together for a family game night on Friday, January 19. We're looking for a volunteer, or group of volunteers, to plan and coordinate the evening! Bingo? Bunco? Bring Your Own Board Game? Something more creative?? There is so much opportunity here to plan something fun that brings our HFS families together for a night of community. This night can't happen without volunteers, so email Katie Mitchell (katieleemitchell@gmail.com) if you're interested and let the planning begin!

Raffle Sale

Looking for an opportunity to sell your raffle tickets, sign up to sell after mass!

Please remember students must be supervised by an adult.

Tickets can only be sold to those 18 years of age or older and **CASH** sales.

Any questions, email Melissa Patrick memamo77@msn.com.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0949ADAF2DA7FD0-45503006-raffle>

Development News

Annual Campaign

Annual Campaign brochures with donation envelopes will be going out later this month. This will be your vehicle to fulfill your school contract obligation to donate to the Annual Campaign. The Annual Campaign brochures will be sent not only to all school families, but also to all parishioners and alumni. All funds raised via the Annual Campaign go directly to the current year operating budget. Also, watch for an announcement next week requesting volunteers to help stuff the envelopes.

Enclosures/Attachments

Auction flyer

Scrip News

Scrip Form

HF Parish January Calendar